Reduction in the Prices of Drugs

2037. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry based on notification dated 20th March, 1990 called details from Drug industry to revise the prices of bulk drugs consequent to reduction in customs duty on the intermediates going into the production of those drugs;

(b) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry gave time limit upto 10th May, 1990 for providing the details;

(c) if so, what are the names of the companies which provided the information called for;

(d) what are the names of bulk drugs for which reduced customs duty intermediates are used;

(e) what was the rate of customs duty on each intermediate before and after reduction;

(f) what are the names of bulk drugs for which prices have been reduced after suitable adjustment; and

(g) by when the prices of remaining drugs would be reduced to give relief to people?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) Details for reduction in prices of bulk drugs consequent to reduction in customs duty on 41 intermediates with effect from 20th March, 1990, were called from the-manufacturers, Industry Associations and the BICP.

(c), (f) and (g) Exercises for adjusting the prices of the bulk drugs consequent to reduction in Customs Duty are already in progress based on the information received from the various sources.

(d) and (e) Customs duty on connected intermediates which would have been normally leviable at 148.86% *ad valorem* have been reduced to 115% *ad valorem.* The names of bulk drugs affected by said duty reduction are given in the annexed statement.

Statement

1. Alprazolen
2. Astemizole
3. Azetheprime
4. Beclomethasone
5. Betamethasone
6. Captopril
7. Carbamazepine
8. Cefadroxyl
9. Cofadroxyl Monohydrate
10. Cephazelin Sodium
11. Chloramphenicol
12. Ciprofloxalin
13. Clopamide
14. Clotrimazole
15. Danazole.
16. Desogestrel
17. Diclofenac Sodium
18. Dimenhydrinate
19. Doxycycline and its salts
20. Furazolidone
21. Guaiacol Glyceryl ether
22. Hydrocortisone
23. Ketamine Hcl
24. Loperamide
25. Methocarbamol
26. Miconazole
27. Pentoxyfylline
28. Promethazine Theoclate
29. Sulbactern Sodium Ester/Pivalol.
30. Terbutaline sulphate
31. Testostrome Esters
32. Triamcinolone
33. Trimethoprim.

Submission of details regarding drugs in Form 6

2038. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of drug companies are importing drug intermediates and raw materials under OGL for die production of drugs for which they are not eligible as per the